

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge held a regularly scheduled meeting via zoom:

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at 7:00 PM on March 7, 2022, the hour and date duly established for the holding of such meeting.

Chairman Ficarra called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked for prayers for the Ukraine people.

Executive Director Brightman read the notice of compliance.

PRESENT

Commissioners:

Sharad Agarwal, Commissioner

Jack Kenny, Vice Chair

Ryan Michelson, Commissioner

Jenny Perez, Commissioner

Paul Pires, Commissioner

Shontay Walker, Commissioner (7:11 PM)

Gregg Ficarra, Chairman

Council Liaison:

Lizbeth DeJesus

Authority General Counsel:

Terrence Corriston, Esq., Breslin & Breslin

Administration:

Donna Brightman, Executive Director

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2022 was made by Commissioner Kenny and seconded by Commissioner Pires and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Agarwal Kenny Michelson Perez Pires Walker Ficarra
AYES: Agarwal Kenny Michelson Perez Pires Ficarra
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Walker

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS: no comment

NEW BUSINESS

a) Reso #3181 – Adopting Monthly Bill List for the Month of February 2022

Motion moved by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Agarwal to adopt Resolution #3181.

Discussion

Chairman Ficarra pointed out that we have a new bill list format that prints from the new program purchased, PHAWEB, it's precise and clear.

ROLL CALL: Agarwal Kenny Michelson Perez Pires Walker Ficarra
AYES: Agarwal Kenny Michelson Perez Pires Walker Ficarra
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

b) Reso #3182 – Adopting Monthly Bill List for the Month of February 2022 – Red Oak

Motion moved by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Michelson to adopt Resolution #3182.

ROLL CALL: Agarwal Kenny Michelson Perez Pires Walker Ficarra
AYES: Agarwal Kenny Michelson Perez Pires Walker Ficarra
NAYS: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The Chair thereupon declared said motion approved.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Kenny asked if the community rooms were open.

Executive Director Brightman answered, not yet, they should be open on April 1st and we are still waiting for the floor to be done at Greiner.

Commissioner Kenny asked how we are doing on the vacancies.

Executive Director Brightman stated that we are short of help and can't seem to hire maintenance personnel. She stated that we are going to close the one-bedroom list as there are over 500 people on the waiting list. The studio list will remain open.

Commissioner Kenny thanked all the women in leadership positions.

Commissioner Perez stated that she is still learning a lot at the Board of Ed and that she loves working with all the ladies during this Women's International Week.

Commissioner Pirez stated that women make the world a better place. He stated that all is well and hopes that we can meet in-person soon. He asked for prayers for the Ukraine.

Commissioner Agarwal stated that women are empowered. He mentioned that someone called him about Cooper Towers and asked how does one get in?

Executive Director Brightman stated that because we rehabbed the building with affordable housing funds, the wait list is handled by the Township's housing administrator.

Chairman Ficarra stated that the YMCA may be able to help with an immediate housing need.

Commissioner Walker stated that she was sorry to be late tonight and that she is doing okay. She said hello to the Women Empowerment Ladies on the call.

Councilwoman DeJesus stated that it's Women's History month and the Township will raise a flag to honor women's month for the first time. She stated that she is thankful for Executive Director Brightman and her team. She congratulated Commissioner Perez and Commissioner Walker for owning their own businesses. She mentioned that she is proud to celebrate us as women and serve as an example for our daughters. She stated that she is proud of the girls at Colonia H.S., basketball champs. She also stated that the Mayor's face book page is featuring women in law enforcement.

Commissioner Perez thanked Councilwoman DeJesus for making this happen.

Commissioner Kenny thanked Executive Director Brightman for addressing the tree issue at Adams so quickly. He mentioned that they just installed three female fire fighters. He also stated that he is looking forward to the spring.

Commissioner Michelson had no comment but thanked all the women who contribute to the Township.

Executive Director Brightman asked if we can change the date of the next meeting?

It was decided that that new date will be April 12th.

Counsel Corrison stated that he has nothing to report tonight and congratulated the women of Woodbridge.

Chairman Ficarra stated that it's International Women's History month. He stated that there is a 94 year old woman from Colonia by the name of Flo Paragala. He stated that she influential in starting girls high school sports in NJSIAA title 9 – equality for girls in sports. She is a great example of women's accomplishments.

Chairman Ficarra stated that Father Ivan from the Ukrainian church in Perth Amboy is sponsoring a relief effort collecting medical supplies for the people.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn at 7:33 PM.

All commissioners present voted in favor.

Donna Brightman
Executive Director/Secretary